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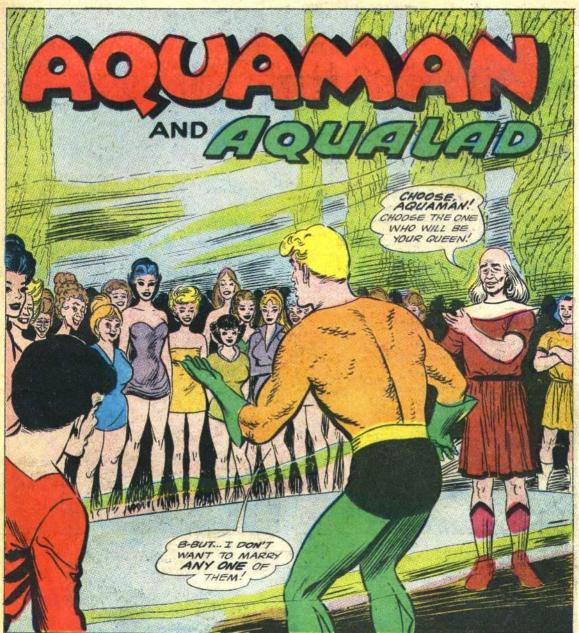
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FORCED BY THE LAW OF THE SUNKEN CIVILIZATION TO CHOOSE, FROM AMONG THE
ATLANTEAN BELLES ...

CHAPTER 1

# The WIFE of AUGUANA

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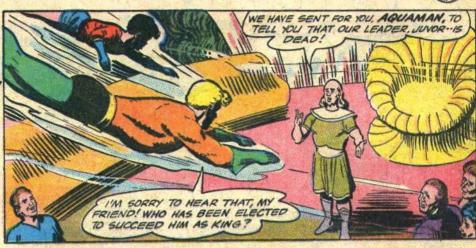
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# AQUAMAN



ATLANTISTHE UNDERSEA
ANCESTRAL
BIRTHPLACE
OF AQUAMAN
AND AQUALAD!
HERE, KING
ANSWERS AN
URGENT
SUMMONS...







AND NOW, AQUAMAN -- AS OUR

















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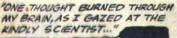














I CANNOT BEAR THE WE UNDER-THOUGHT OF IT! STAND. QUEEN MERA. DEAR AND LOYAL GO-WITH OUR SUBJECTS - BUT I LOVE!



"MY HEART WAS TORN IN TWO AS I SWAM OUT OF MY WORLD, AND THEN WATCHED, AS..." THE WARP IS

CLOSING --FOREVER! I-I'LL NEVER SEE MY PEOPLE AGAIN!











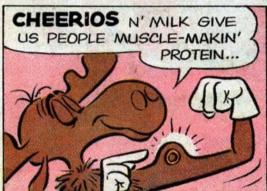






LONG TIME! LONG TIME! CHEWY CHEWY TOOTSIE ROLL LASTS A LONG TIME!





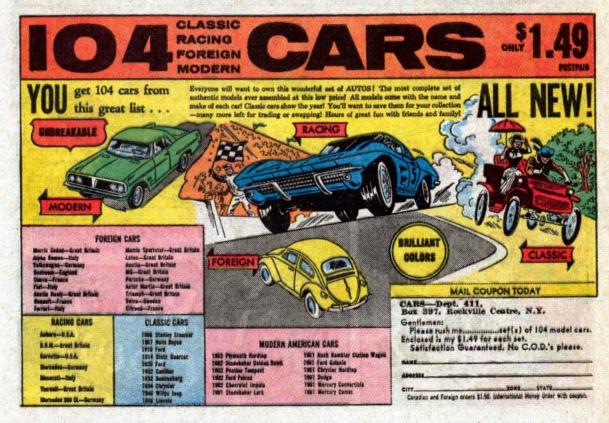


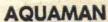
















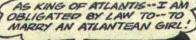
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HEARTBROKEN AND PUZZLED BY THE UN-EXPECTED TURN OF EVENTS, MERA SWIMS ABOUT AIMLESSLY, UNTIL...





"UNAWARE OF THE MENACE THAT THREATENS FROM BEHIND!















CONVINCED THAT HE HAS A CHANCE TO WIN THE













TENSE MINUTES LATER, THE ATLANTEANS LISTEN IN ASTONISHMENT TO A SHOCK-ING ANNOUNCEMENT...

RECOGNIZE ME BUT BUT AS YOUR MONARCH WE ALREADY



THEN-CAST HIM OUT! AND CLEAN UP THOSE TWO THRONES... I AM BRINGING ALONG A QUEEN TO JOIN ME!















BEATEN BACK, THE HAPLESS ATLANTEANS FACE TOTAL DESTRUCTION, WHEN...

ENOUGH! I -I CANNOT ALLOW EVERY LAST ATLANTEAN TO DIE IN A HOPELESS BATTLE! WE-



WHERE IS OUR NEW KING-AQUAMAN ? IT-- IT WAS A MISTAKE TO NAME HIM OUR LEADER -- FOR HE WAS NOT HERE WHEN WE DESPERATELY



YES - A GRAVE MISTAKE!
BUT FORGET HIM ... YOU
NOW HAVE A NEW KING
TO SERVE - I,
OCEANUS!









MEANWHILE, UNAWARE
OF THE GRIM CATASTROPHE THAT HAS
STRUCK THEIR
ANCESTRAL HOMELAND, AQUAMAN
AND AQUAMAN
AND AQUALAD
CONTINUE THEIR
PATROL, EACH LOST
IN HIS GLOOMY
THOUGHTS...









# WORTH WISHING FOR ..



























MOVING SWIFTER THAN THE DIMINU-TIVE EYES CAN FOLLOW, THE AQUATIC ACES SEIZE A PAIR OF TORPEDO -

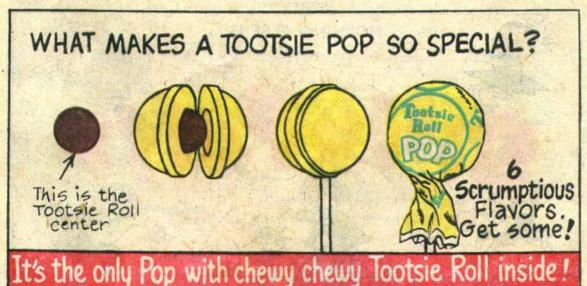












# ESCAPE TO THE SEA

LIFE on Earth, as we all know, began under water, hundreds of millions of years ago, with tiny, single-celled organisms. Through the geological ages, these organisms progressed into the more complicated species of fish, reptiles, amphibians and mammals—the last group being total land dwellers.

Among the mammals, however, were groups that instinctively reversed the evolutionary process, and went back to living in the sea. Over the eons of time, their bodies re-adapted to watery life, though they still remained air-breathing, warmblooded mammals.

The best example of mammalian adaptation to the sea is the whale, which many people still regard as a fish. Few are aware that the whale was once very animal-like in its bodily structure. Its stabilizing fins, in the forward part of its body, were once a pair of forelegs. At one time, it also possessed a pair of hindlegs, which have now completely disappeared. Whales once possessed ears and noses—now they are left with tiny holes where the ears used to be, and the noses have been replaced by the blowholes atop their heads. To look at whales, it's hard to believe that they actually evolved on land.

What brought these mammals back to the sea? Food would seem to be the answer. Unlike land, the oceans and rivers never run short of nourishment for their inhabitants. Many a land-dwelling species has died out for lack of food, and perhaps the original whales, which lived on land, would have perished, too, were it not for their adaptability to a seagoing life.

Another famous mammal that returned to the sea is the seal, whose world population outstrips

that of any living mammalian species. Seals have evolved into two basic groups: eared seals, which, as their name indicates, still have external ears; true seals, whose forms bear closer resemblance to fish. Eared seals still have two pairs of flippers (once legs) that enable them to walk on land. There is also the walrus, who seems to be a cross between the eared seal and the true seal.

In the case of seals, it is likely that, in addition to needing food, they went back to the sea in order to escape enemy species. Built as they were, seals made very poor land fighters. Small wonder they

were tempted back to water.

Like their relatives on land, seagoing mammals are hunted and trapped for the valuable products they offer man. Whale meat is a table delicacy. Whales also provide us with ambergris, the substance used in perfumes to preserve their scent. Whale oil is still the best lubricant for precision instruments, and whalebone is a sturdy foundation for various products. Many a fur coat is made from the pelts of certain breeds of seals. Walrustusks are still a source of ivory.

How well have mammals benefited by their return to the sea? For millions of years, they thrived happily, while their bodies evolved to accommodate their new surroundings. Unfortunately, during the past few centuries, their luck has changed, thanks to a new enemy—man. Like the American buffalo, many seagoing mammals have been brought to near-extinction because hunters have been killing them off faster than they can reproduce. Only recently, through international agreements and protection of breeding grounds, have these creatures gotten a new lease on life—although it will take centuries more for their world population to reach earlier heights.

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#### BUT JUST THEN ...

HMPH. THIS IS HARDLY A SUITABLE REVENGE FOR WHAT I HAVE SUPPERED AT

HAVE SUFFERED AT
AQUAMAN'S HANDS,
HMM...
YOU HAVE A
BETTER IDEA,
MERA?















THEN-THEN NAME OUR WEDDING DATE ! WHEN SHALL IT

WHY--AS SOON AS YOU HAVE BUILT A SUITABLE TEMPLE, SUCH AS THE ONE WE HAD IN OUR OWN WORLD!





IT SHALL BE STARTED

AT ONCE -- INCLUDING







THUS, DAY BY DAY, A STRANGE NEW EDIFICE































































AND NOW-NOW I CAN ASK YOU TO

WHY, AQUALAD --

TERRIFIC IDEA

THAT'S A



AFTER WHAT MERA

SHOULD BE NAMED

JUST DID FOR

ATLANTIS, SHE





AND SO, BEFORE LONG, THE MOST GALA WEDDING OF ALL TIME TAKES PLACE IN ATLANTIS-AN EVENT THAT BRINGS TO THE SCENE THE MOST SENSATIONAL GUESTS OF ALL TIME...









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